



The President's Daily Brief

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1. South Vietnam

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2. Soviet Union -
Finland

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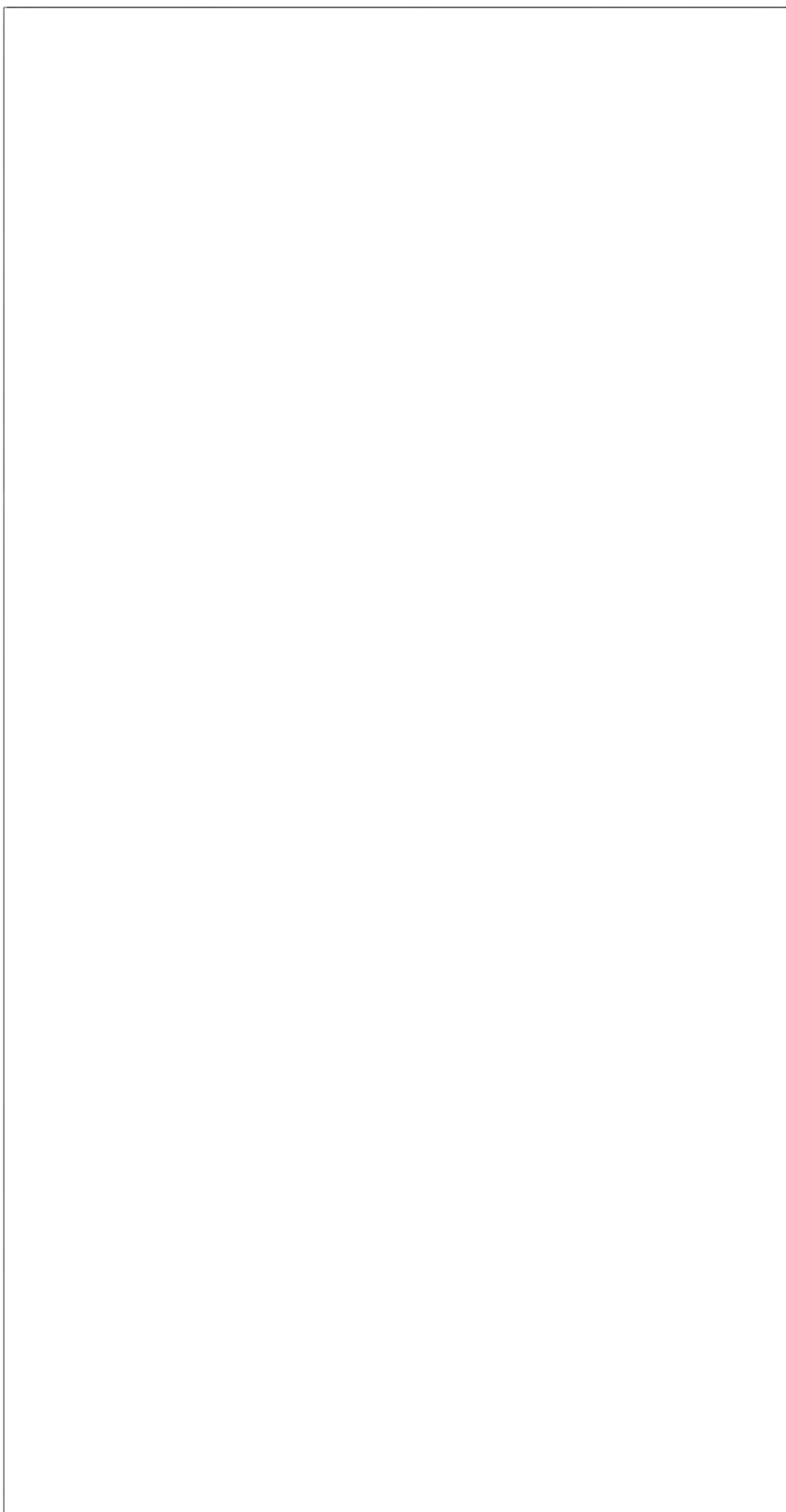
3. Mexico

The radical fringe is still trying to disrupt the opening of the Olympic games, but most of the students are cowed and disorganized after last week's crackdown. Tight security is being maintained in Mexico City.

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**Czechoslovakia -
Soviet Union**

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5. Rumania

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6. Soviet Union -
Communist China

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7. North Korea -
South Korea

North Korean infiltration activity along the Demilitarized Zone is declining. Even at its peak in August and September, it never reached last year's levels, and a record number of those who did try to cross were killed. Infiltration will probably continue at its current low-to-moderate rate until winter sets in.

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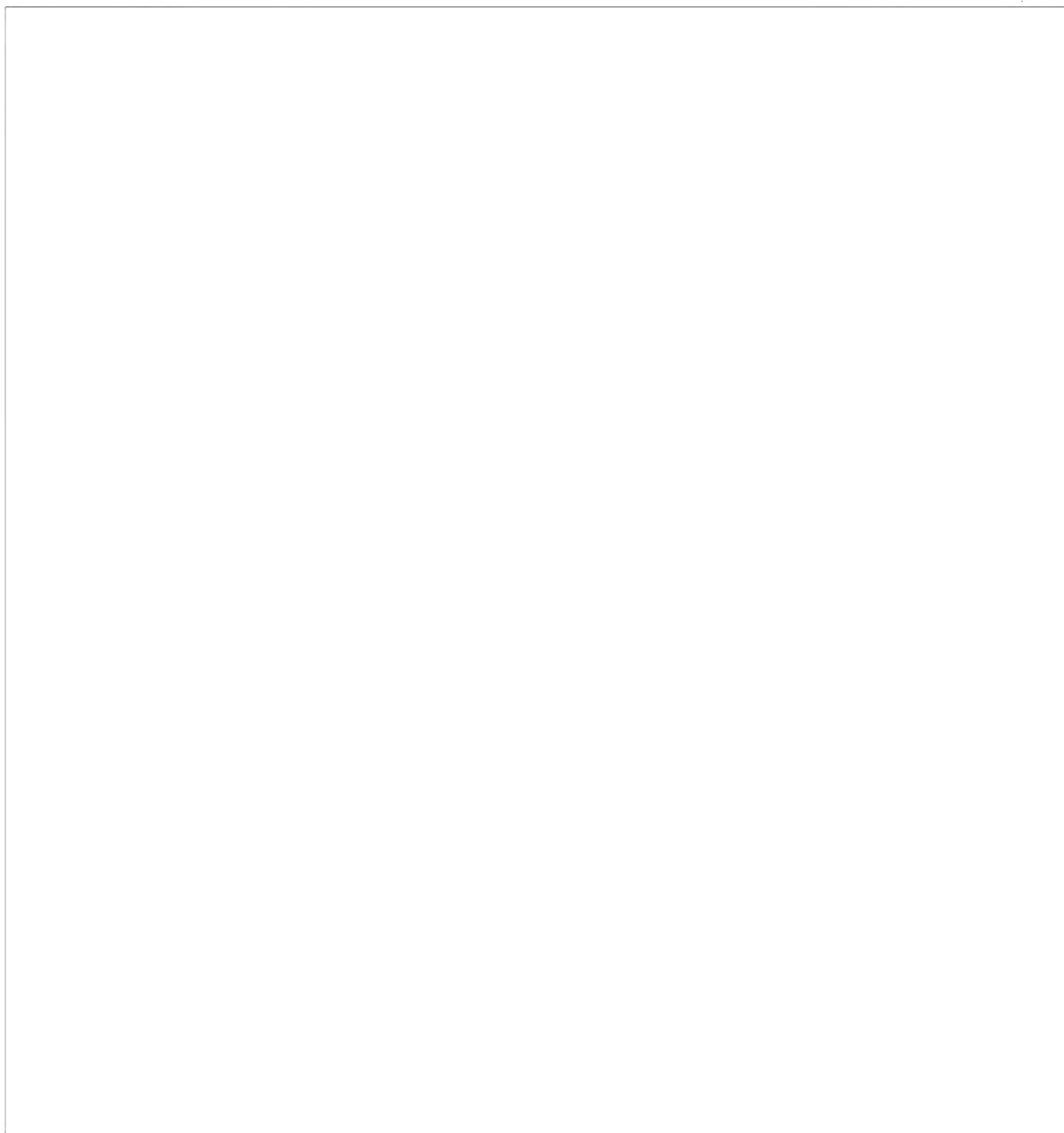
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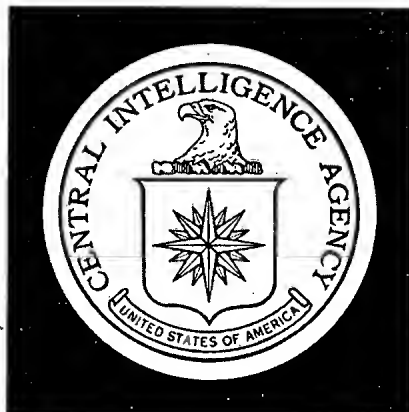


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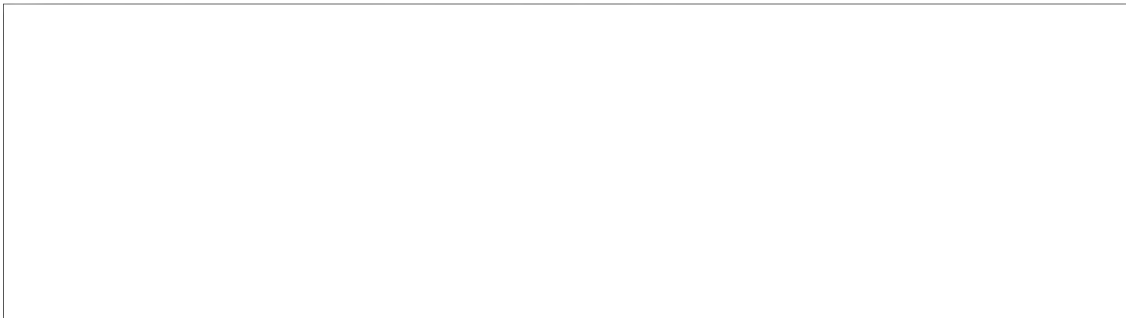
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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION



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Malaria continues to be the main disease problem among North Vietnamese units operating outside North Vietnam. Inadequate drug supplies, poor health training, and the increased difficulty of preventing and treating drug-resistant malaria are some of the major factors in the rising incidence of this disease. The current wave of influenza, which began in Communist China, has reached several countries in the Far East and isolated cases have been reported elsewhere.

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Problems in Marketing: Hanoi is taking measures to improve its domestic marketing operations. Widespread irregularities in the market, including theft from state warehouses, blackmarketing in rationed goods, and an uncontrolled expansion of the free market were recently discussed

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these problems had reached serious proportions in North Vietnam and had to be brought under control.

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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

Hanoi on Vice President: Hanoi Radio on 7 October quoted several Western press accounts of antiwar demonstrations in the US. The broadcast, over the domestic service, claimed that everywhere Vice President Humphrey went he was dogged by young demonstrators demanding an end to the war. The war demonstrators have made the Vice President miserable, said the commentator, and they are punishing him for contributing to President Johnson's "aggressive war."

On 6 October both the Hanoi party daily and the army daily devoted special articles to Vice President Humphrey, claiming that there was no fundamental difference between him and the President. Both articles tried to portray the Democratic leaders as completely estranged from large segments of the American public who were demanding an end to the war.

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